



1st District Milwaukee County Supervisor

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We Are The First!

Proudly Representing Fox Point, Bayside, River Hills, Brown Deer, Glendale, and a section of Milwaukee

Committee Assignments

- Audit, Vice-Chair
- Finance
- Parks, Energy and Environment

What Services Does Milwaukee County Provide and Manage?

Airport

- Mitchell Field

County Court System

- Courthouse
- County Clerk
- Clerk of Courts
- Register of Deeds
- Treasurer

County Roads

- Plowing-Snow Removal
- Repairing & Replacement

Cultural

- Milwaukee Art Museum
- Milwaukee Public Museum
- Historical Society
- Charles Allis Art Museum
- Villa Terrace Decorative Arts Museum
- Mental Health Services
- Behavioral Health

Park System

- Boerner Botanical Gardens
- Golf Courses
- Lakefront
- The Domes
- Pools
- County Parks

Milwaukee Transit System

Sheriff's Department

- House of Corrections
- Courthouse
- Expressways
- Jail

Dear Neighbor,

I hope you enjoyed this summer and are staying safe and warm this winter. It's been nearly two years since I took office as the District 1 Milwaukee County Supervisor, and as you may know, these last few months have been excitingly busy!

The county has continued to respond proactively and responsibly to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, working hard to keep our communities safe. This summer and fall, while sometimes challenging, brought us a bit closer to normalcy – the Bucks and Brewers were back (and winning!), community concerts, plays, and festivals returned, and friends and family were able to reunite at a park or restaurant. This is due, in large part, to the availability of the vaccine. If you have yet to receive a COVID-19 vaccine or are wondering whether you are eligible for a booster, please visit www.healthymke.com to learn more and schedule a vaccine appointment.

The Board of Supervisors has been hard at work in the last few months, considering a budget for 2022, authorizing the Independent Redistricting Committee to put together new legislative maps for the county following the 2020 Census, and establishing the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Task Force to determine how best to spend \$183 million in ARPA funding.

Please feel free to reach out with any comments, concerns, or requests for services you may have. My e-mail address is liz.sumner@milwaukeecountywi.gov and my office phone is (414) 278-4280. In addition, I encourage you to sign up for my e-newsletter and follow me on Facebook at www.facebook.com/SupervisorLizSumner to stay up-to-date on all news and happenings from the county and District 1.



A special thank you to my husband, Nathaniel, and children, Molly and Charlie, for their support.

Ceremonial Swearing-In... Not in a Parking Lot!



Liz participates in the July 2021 ceremonial swearing-in, which allowed new supervisors to experience the momentous occasion in-person. Joining her on stage is her husband, two kids, and mother. If you look closely, you can tell that Charlie was eager to take the oath of office, too!

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Milwaukee County District 1 Supervisor, and I wish you and your family a relaxing and happy holiday season.

Sincerely,

Liz Sumner
County Supervisor, District 1

2022 Milwaukee County Budget

Setting and adopting a balanced budget is the most important task that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors take on each year. Milwaukee County's budget continues to be further complicated by an ongoing structural deficit caused by state revenue caps and the increased cost of state mandated services. On average, county revenues grow by only 1% per year while expenses are expected to increase by 2.4%, the rate of inflation.

Rising to the challenge of adopting a balanced budget each year, Milwaukee County has closed budget gaps of approximately \$300 million over the past decade. The county has done this by reducing its real estate footprint by 1.6 million square feet, reducing staff by 1,400 employees, and deferring \$35 million in maintenance, among other measures. This has unfortunately led to reductions in services countywide, including in our parks, busses, and public safety functions.

Milwaukee County will receive a total of \$183 million in federal funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). ARPA will provide the county with a needed boost in funds to help recover from the pandemic, but the county's actual revenue loss is estimated to be nearly double the amount received from ARPA.

Milwaukee County continues to advocate for additional revenue options to fund local priorities. Governor Tony Evers included a proposal in his 2021-2023 state budget that would allow counties to raise their sales tax by .5% percent if approved by voters through a referendum process, but this proposal was not included in the adopted state budget.

In the face of all this seemingly bad news, we need to keep pushing to allow the county to increase the sales tax. Doing so would ensure that the county could properly fund its parks, transit system, safety functions, and other vital, yet currently struggling, services.

You can help by contacting your state legislators in Madison and letting them know that you support allowing Milwaukee County to increase its sales tax. While the hole the county faces is dire, we can work collectively to secure the financial future of our county! **Learn more about Milwaukee County's mounting budget issues by visiting www.moveforwardmke.com.**

Brand Shift: The Milwaukee County Vision, Logo, Seal and Brand

New County Logo

The new Milwaukee County Logo was created specifically with racial equity in mind. It is a representation of our common understanding that, by achieving racial equity, Milwaukee will be the healthiest county in Wisconsin and a symbol of our commitment to foster new ways and new systems that are fair and equitable for all our neighbors.

The "M" letterform represents Milwaukee County — but even more than that, with its lines and angles, it suggests the conventional way things have been done, the systems that have been in place. Placed upon the M is the equity arc, which intentionally breaks the form. Instead of straight lines, it's a curve — a new way. It ascends and expands forward, reaching up and out toward the highest place. Because it's something unorthodox, the arc is open to the viewer's interpretation.

County Seal

The official Milwaukee County Seal was created and approved by the County Board in July 1965.

The following statement was presented to describe the redesigned seal:

The focal point of the new seal is a large "M" representing the manufacturing plants in the county. Also included on the seal is a home signifying the fact that a large percent of the people in the county own their own homes. Eleven diagonal lines represent the scope of county government with its major services: legislative, executive, staff, general government, judicial, public safety, public works, recreation, culture and health and welfare. The border of M's around the seal place emphasis on Milwaukee and on industry as the M's form the shape of a gear for Milwaukee has been called the Machine Shop of the World.



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2021 County Logo

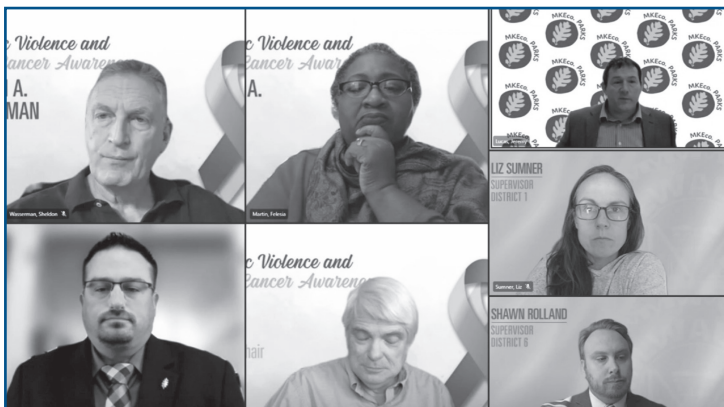


1965 County Seal

2021 Legislative Update

I was proud to support a number of proposals before the Board, including:

- Establishing a "right to counsel" program for residents facing eviction.
- My resolution supporting Wisconsin raising the BadgerCare eligibility threshold to 138% of the federal poverty limit.
- Committing the county to becoming carbon neutral by 2050.
- Reducing the county's fine for marijuana possession and possession/delivery of drug paraphernalia to no more than one dollar.
- Advancing racial equity by honoring Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and condemning racially motivated violence and hatred.



Supervisor Sumner and colleagues hear from Parks Department staff during October's Parks, Energy and Environment Committee meeting.

What's New in District 1 and Milwaukee Co.

- Doctors Park central staircase renovation was completed this summer, and it looks fantastic. Wonderful job, Friends of Doctors Park!



Liz and her son, Charlie, celebrate the unveiling of the restored stone steps at Doctors Park.

- I worked with the Parks Dept. to help expedite a fix for the sink hole impacting a portion of the Oak Leaf Trail in Glendale. The department should have the trail fixed before the end of 2021.
- Phase 3 of Milwaukee County Transit System's (MCTS) system redesign took place in late-August. Information on new and revamped routes is available at www.ridemcts.com.

Small Business Recovery Initiative Grant

The COVID-19 pandemic has been especially difficult for many of our county's small businesses. As a small business owner myself, ensuring that our small businesses are supported throughout the ongoing pandemic-induced struggles is personal.

Milwaukee County's Small Business Recovery Initiative Grant assisted over 1,500 businesses with nearly \$11.7 million in CARES Act grant funding. This included 77 small businesses in District 1 who received \$577,000 in grant dollars. These grants helped thousands of Milwaukee County businesses weather the toughest months of the pandemic.

If you are a small business owner looking for additional pandemic-related assistance, please visit county.milwaukee.gov/economicdevelopment for information on local and federal resources. You can use the same link to access an interactive map on disbursement of funds for the Small Business Recovery Initiative Grant.

Get up-to-date information on FREE Milwaukee County Attractions at:



county.milwaukee.gov/freedays

EvictionFreeMKE.org

Visit our website and in less than 2 minutes our chat buddy "Evi" will help you get connected to resources like:

- Free legal help if you qualify
- Information on your rights as a tenant
- Rent support services

Call 414-892-7368 for help.

EvictionFreeMKE
Free legal help and more to stop evictions.



Foraging Ordinance Update



As you may have heard, there was an effort this past fall to amend the county's foraging ordinance to make it easier to forage in county parks. District 1 residents, Friends of Brown Deer Park, and other parks stakeholders overwhelmingly opposed the proposed resolution and I concurred with them. The resolution (21-745) was unanimously (5-0) recommended for rejection in the Parks, Energy and Environment Committee meeting in October.

I am currently working with my colleagues and our Parks Department staff to strengthen and clarify the language in the foraging resolution, and I look forward to engaging with District 1 residents to hear your thoughts on our efforts.



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Energy Assistance is Available

Through the Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program, qualified Milwaukee County residents can receive a one-time annual payment* to make your heating and electric bills more affordable!



1. See if you qualify.

Go to **KeepWarmMKE.org** to check income guidelines and see if you qualify. 175,000 county residents will. You may also qualify for services like furnace repair, weatherization and crisis benefits.

2. Make an appointment or complete your application online.

- Apply October 1 - May 15.
- Visit **KeepWarmMKE.org** or
- Call **270-4MKE (4653)**. Dial 211 for after-hours help.

3. Due to COVID-19, all appointments are conducted by phone.

A team member will call you at your scheduled appointment time to process your application.

**Funding covers a portion of energy costs; it is not intended to pay your entire energy bill. How much funding you receive depends on several factors, including your income, size of your home or apartment, and energy costs. (In most cases, the annual Energy Assistance monetary benefit will be paid directly to your energy supplier.)*

CLIC COUNTY LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION CENTER

For legislative files, agendas, minutes and schedules for all Milwaukee County committee and board meetings, please visit the County Legislative Information Center at:

county.milwaukee.gov/CLIC

Service Guide for 1st District Milwaukee County Residents

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Liz Sumner 278-4280

Airports

Mitchell International Airport 747-5300

Timmerman Airport 461-3222

Child Support Enforcement 615-2593

Clerk of Circuit Court 278-5362

County Clerk 278-4067

County Executive 278-4211

County Treasurer 278-4033

Courts

Civil Division (small & large claims) 278-4120

Criminal Division 278-4538

Children's Court 257-7700

Department on Aging

General Information 289-6874

Department of Health and Human Services 289-6877

District Attorney's Office

John Chisholm 278-4646

Election Commission 278-4060

Emergency/Public Safety

Sheriff (non-emergency/general information) 278-4766

TDD Emergency 278-5252

Burn Center Hotline (24 hours) 272-2876

Emergency Management (24 hours) 257-4709

Suicide Prevention/Intervention/Mental Health Crisis 257-7222

Fraud Hotline 93-FRAUD

House of Correction

General and Visiting Information 427-4700

Jury Services

General Information 278-4468/278-4469

Reserve Juror Message 985-6000

Low Income Housing

Rent Assistance 278-4894

Marcus Center for the Performing Arts 273-7121

Marriage Licenses/Passports/Fishing Lic. 278-4067

Medical Examiner

General Information 223-1200

Mental Health Complex

General Information 257-6995

Admitting (Emergency) 257-7260

Milwaukee Art Museum

General Information 224-3200

Milwaukee County Historical Society 273-8288

Milwaukee County Parks

Boerner Botanical Gardens 525-5600

General Information 257-7275

Parks Hotline 257-5100

Organized Sports 257-8030

Golf Reservations 475-6222

Golf Office 257-8024

District 1 Parks

AC Hanson Park (9100 N. Maura Ln., Brown Deer) 476-4510

Algonquin Park (7850 N. 51st St., Brown Deer) 352-7502

Doctors Park (1870 E. Fox Ln., Fox Point) 352-7502

Kletzsch Park (6560 N. Milw. River Pkwy., Glendale) 461-0839

Lincoln Park (1301 W. Hampton Ave., Milwaukee) 964-0064

Meaux Park (1904 W. Villard Ave., Milwaukee) 964-0064

Smith Park (5462 N. 33rd St., Milwaukee) 461-0839

Milwaukee County Zoo

General Information 771-3040

Milwaukee Public Museum

General Information 278-2702

Municipalities

Bayside 206-3915

Brown Deer 371-3000

Fox Point 351-8900

Glendale 228-1700

Milwaukee City Hall/Common Council 286-2221

Milwaukee Night Number 286-CITY (2489)

River Hills 352-8213

Office of Persons with Disabilities

General Information 278-3932

Register in Probate 278-4444

Register of Deeds 278-4021

Transit System

Bus Routes/Schedules/Fares 344-6711

Customer Comments 937-3218

Transit Plus 343-1700

UW-Extension 256-4600

Veterans Services 266-1234

Victim/Witness Service

General Information-Felony 278-4667